

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-16 and 30-36 without prejudice. Claims 17-29 remain pending in the application and were indicated as allowed in the final Office Action of February 7, 2005. Claim 17 is independent.

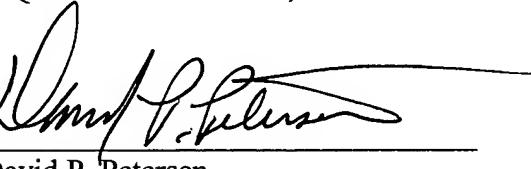
Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejections. However, to hasten allowance of a patent covering the allowed claims, Applicant has canceled the rejected claims 1-16 and 30-36 without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims and/or claims of different scope in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Claims 17-29 should now be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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